16. 2320 Amritsar-Asansol Express

17. 4712 Sriganga Nagar-Haridwar Express

18. 5210 Amritsar-Barauni Jansewa Express

19. 5212 Amritsar-Darbhanga Jansewa Express

20. 304 Kalka-Delhi Passenger

21. 9020 Dehradun-Bandra Express

22. 4512 Saharanpur-Allahabad Express

23. 1 DS Delhi-Saharanpur passenger

24. 2904 Golden Temple Mail

Halt of trains at Vasundhara (Ghaziabad)

3627. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to sanction halt of up and down trains passing through Vasundhara (Ghaziabad) to provide trains facilities to local people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when Government are likely to announce halt in that area; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The proposal for opening of a halt station at Vasundhara between Sahibabad and Ghaziabad stations has been examined and the same has not been found justified both financially and operationally.

Categorisation of TTEs. as Running Railway Staff

3628. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of guidelines to treat Railway Employees as Running Staff, stating whether Running Staff was the creation of British Raj;

(b) whether it is a fact that Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs.) are not considered as running staff even after 54 years of independence, while other

countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh have considered TTEs. as running staff; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to treat TTEs. as running staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) As per the extant rules, those staff whose performance of duty is directly connected with the charge of moving the trains are classified as running staff on the Indian Railways. At the time of independence, the term running staff was already in use.

(b) On the Indian Railways, Travelling Ticket Examiners are not classified as running staff.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Participation of SCR in Twins project of Andhra Pradesh

3629. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has implemented a pilot project, Twins, to provide integrated services to citizens over electronic networks;

(b) whether the State Government has approached the Union Government to participate in Twins project by providing reservation facilities at all the 150 counters in Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have instructed the South-Central Railway authorities to participate in Twins Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when instructions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Andhra Pradesh Government has made announcement to this effect.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Access to PRS by outside system is not being provided as per extant policy. The issue, is under consideration, however, no time table for taking a decision has been set so far.